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Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is an ☒ original patent application or, ☐ a continuation-in-part patent application, by inventor(s) Kevin D. MacLean, Roger W. Sturgeon, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING AN IDENTICAL CELL IN AN IC LAYOUT WITH AN EXISTING SOLUTION.

No. of pages in Application: 23; No. of Claims: 27.

No. of Sheets of Drawings:      Formal: 8,      Informal: 0.

Also enclosed are:

- ☐ a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 in
- ☐ a separate document ☐ the declaration;
- ☐ a certified copy of the priority document;
- ☐ an Associate Power of Attorney;
- ☐ \_\_\_ verified statement(s) claiming small entity status;
- ☒ a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors(s) in duplicate;
- ☐ a signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors will follow;
- ☒ an Assignment document in duplicate and form PTO-1595;
- ☐ a Power of Attorney by Assignee; and
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

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CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$740.00
Total Claims	27	MINUS 20 =	7	\$18.00=	\$126.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS 3 =	3	\$84.00=	\$252.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$260.00					0
Total Application Fee					\$1,118.00
If verified statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Recording Fee of \$40.00 if Assignment document is enclosed					\$40.00
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$1,158.00</b>

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1,158.00 is enclosed.
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